



Cholla District Network News



Councilmember Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

April 1, 2011

Cholla District Meeting

Councilmember Manny Martinez is hosting a community meeting for residents living in the Cholla District at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at the Foothills Recreation and Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. The meeting will be held in the Bobcat Room.

Martinez will be joined by Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Intergovernmental Programs Director, Brent Stoddard and Transportation Director, Jamsheed Mehta. In addition to providing updates on the Cholla District and citywide projects, Glendale representatives will be available to answer questions from residents.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 623-930-2016.

Loop 101 Update:

- Loop 101 northbound and eastbound will be closed between Bell Rd. and 51st Ave from 9 p.m. Friday, April 1 through 5 a.m. Monday, April 4 for the bridge project and HOV lane work. Drivers should use Bell Rd. and 51st Ave. to connect with eastbound Loop 101.
- Loop 101 will also be closed westbound between 59th and 67th avenues from 9 p.m. Friday, April 1 through 5 a.m. Monday, April 4 for the multi-use pedestrian path and bridge over Loop 101. Traffic will detour along Beardsley frontage road. [Click here](#) for more information on this project.

New Funding Available to Help Combat Homelessness. Glendale families who are homeless or in danger of losing a safe place to live may find there's help available thanks to an additional \$316,132 of funds recently awarded to the city of Glendale.

The federal funds, which are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will be used to serve two groups:

- those who are at risk of becoming homeless and need temporary rent or utility assistance to be able to maintain housing, and
- those who are homeless, residing in emergency or transitional shelters and need temporary assistance to obtain permanent housing.

To help these groups, the funding can be used for short-term or medium-term rental assistance, or items such as security and/or utility deposits. The \$316,132 of funding was awarded to the city based on the success of the program and its impact on the community. Previously, city staff oversaw the use of more than \$914,122 and was acknowledged for efficiently using the money to help people in Glendale affected by the recession.

To learn more about the new funding and who qualifies for assistance, check online at www.glendaleaz.com/cap or call the city's Community Action Program (CAP) at 623 930-2854.

Free Personal Finance Classes — Open to All Glendale Residents. Getting control of your personal finances is the focus of a new series of free classes offered by the city of Glendale in partnership with the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Four classes will be held at 10 a.m. on consecutive Saturdays at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The classes include: April 9: Getting Started; April 16: Assessment of your Situation; April 23: Money Management; and April 30: Teaching Value and Protection.

The classes, taught by a representative of Thunderbird School of Global Management, are presented as a collective effort with Glendale's Parks, Recreation and Library department as part of Glendale University's elective classes. Glendale University (GU) is a series of "101" and "graduate" classes designed to help Glendale residents learn more about municipal government. Like those GU classes, these personal finance classes are free for residents.

Seating is limited to 30 participants per class. [Click here](#) for a description of each class and more information. To register, call Glendale's Neighborhood Partnership Office at 623-930-2868 by Friday, April 8.

28th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival.

Glendale's 28th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous entertainment lineup in Historic Downtown Glendale April 9-10. [Read More.](#)



Around Town

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Walk-in Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for “Walk-In Counseling with SCORE” from 12:15–3:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 2, in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

Glendale Family Bike Ride. Join us for the Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park. Registration is from 7 to 9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. This is a ride for all levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways. This is a free ride with no registration fees. Snacks and water are provided at no cost at two rest stops along the route. Helmets are required and can be purchased at the event for \$10. [Click here](#) to register online.

Residents’ Input Sought on GO Transportation Program. Residents are invited to attend an open house to get an update on transportation projects included in the Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Program. The GO Program Open House will be held from 4:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr.

This opportunity will give residents a chance to speak with Glendale transportation representatives and engineering consultants, learn more about current and upcoming transportation projects, and provide input on the program. Light refreshments will be served.

In 2001, Glendale voters approved Proposition 402, which dedicated a half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements and created the city’s GO Transportation Program. To date, GO program efforts have resulted in expanded transit services, and enhanced traffic flow and safety on Glendale streets and at intersections. There has also been further development of bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout the city. Many additional improvements are scheduled for construction during the next several years. These projects will be featured at the open house and in the GO Program Annual Report.

[Click here](#) to view the Annual Report. For more information on Glendale’s transportation program, call 623-930-2940.

Shred It & Forget It. Glendale’s Community Action Teams are proud to partner with the Target Corporation and Cintas Document Management Company to offer free document shredding to the community to help combat identity theft. Credit card offers, tax returns, medical bills and old bank statements should be shredded rather than simply thrown in the trash. The “Shred It & Forget It” events offered throughout the year is a fast, convenient, drive-thru service where you can bring up to three standard-size file boxes boxes of documents for secure shredding. The next event is Saturday, April 30th at the Target located at 10040 N 43rd Avenue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the shred trucks are full. For more information on identity theft and “Shred It & Forget It,” call (623) 930-2571. [Read more.](#)

National Take Back Day. The Glendale Police Department is coordinating a one-day collaborative effort with the Drug Enforcement Administration to remove potentially dangerous prescription drugs from our nation’s homes. The “National Take Back Initiative Day” will be on Saturday, April 30th at **two** Glendale locations! We will be at the Target parking lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. (Peoria & 43rd) and in the parking lot at Cabela’s at 9830 West Glendale Ave. Glendale’s collection sites will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is the opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2571.

Glendale Summer Band. Sponsored by Glendale’s Office of Special Events, the free eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. during June and July, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 59th Avenue and Glenn Drive. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by this community band of approximately 100 musicians with its renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes. The series will feature a special patriotic performance on June 30 in celebration of Independence Day.

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